

ELC 10.3
COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS

(a) Formal Complaint.

- (1) Filing. After a matter is ordered to hearing, disciplinary counsel files a formal complaint with the Clerk.
- (2) Service. After the formal complaint is filed, it must be personally served on the respondent lawyer, with a notice to answer.
- (3) Content. The formal complaint must state the respondent's acts or omissions in sufficient detail to inform the respondent of the nature of the allegations of misconduct. Disciplinary counsel must sign the formal complaint, but it need not be verified.
- (4) Prior Discipline. Prior disciplinary action against the respondent may be described in a separate count of the formal complaint if the respondent is charged with conduct demonstrating unfitness to practice law.

(b) Filing Commences Proceedings. A disciplinary proceeding commences when the formal complaint is filed.

(c) Joinder. The body ordering a hearing on alleged misconduct or the hearing officer or panel may in its discretion consolidate for hearing two or more charges against the same respondent, or may join charges against two or more respondents in one formal complaint.

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